

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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China Building Port in Maldives
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is aware of the reports that China is likely to build a port in Maldives;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether this move of China is likely to pose a threat to India by expanding its presence in the Indian Ocean; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) Government is aware of reports that Government of Maldives has been discussing port infrastructure development with international partners, including China. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.